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February 17, 2021 | 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. | Ash Wednesday

We are called to remember our mortality as human beings. We are dust and ashes. We are sinful. We will all die one day. Yet, we also remember our immortality that is gifted to us because of Christ and His saving work on the cross. Lent is a desert journey from the dust and ashes of Ash Wednesday to the cross and forgiveness of Good Friday, and then ultimately, to the joys of Easter and new life. But we do not fast-forward through the desert. We still must wander through Lent in humility and faith.

## To Our Congregation and Guests about the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' meal of forgiveness and strength. However, because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because we also believe that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an outward profession of unity with one another in faith and doctrine, we would therefore only invite communicant members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive this gift with us. If you still desire to receive the sacrament, please first speak with the pastor.

Guests are still encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chests, and receive a special blessing.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- I am baptized.
- I repent of my sins, trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for forgiveness and eternal life.
- I believe that I will eat Jesus' actual flesh and blood in, with, and under bread and wine.
- As Jesus has forgiven and loved me, I do not refuse to forgive and love.
- By God's grace I will continue to frequently receive Word and Sacrament, and I will strive to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus' holy name.

### The Imposition of Ashes will take place in the Narthex.

#### Prelude





 $oldsymbol{\Phi}$  Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution  $oldsymbol{\Phi}$ 

Invocation		LSB pgs. 290-291
Р	In the name of the Father and of the $ heta$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.	
С	Amen.	
Р	l will go to the altar of God,	
С	to God my exceeding joy.	Psalm 43:4
Р	Our help is in the name of the Lord,	

C who made heaven and earth.

### **Confession and Absolution**

P Beloved in the Lord, it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He strengthens our faith by giving us His body to eat and His blood to drink. Therefore, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do, for this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Psalm 124:8

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve. Continued on the next page.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life. We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death—that He was delivered for our offenses and raised for our justification. Giving Him our most heartfelt thanks, we take up our cross and follow Him and, according to His commandment, love one another as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink from the one cup.

For just as the one cup is filled with wine of many grapes and one bread made from countless grains, so also we, being many, are one body in Christ. Because of Him, we love one another, not only in word, but in deed and in truth.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

- C Amen.
- P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
- C Amen.
- P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?
- C Yes.
- P Let it be done for you as you believe.

#### **Special Music**

Lenten Carol

The days are long, the nights are longer still, Lord, grant to us the will To walk these forty days. The way is hard, the end is harder yet Lord, help us not forget To mix our cries for help with Glory to the Son, who walks these forty days. Walk beside God's people and walks to bring them grace. Let us voices raise unto the Lamb who saves people whom he shepherds by going to the grave.

We walk as one, and yet we walk alone, Lord, can it be your home Lies through this door of death? And may our journey bring your death to mind, Lord, grant that we may find renewed life through the Spirit's breath. As we journey through this season of lent, As our bodies weary and our spirits are spent, Grant us strength to face whatever may be. Grant to us, the grace to witness calvary.

Through private burdens bring our spirits low, Give us the strength to grow from winter's chill to spring. Amid life's storms and cares weigh down, Give us your grace found and teach our wounded souls to sing. Glory to the Lamb, who dies to set us free. Dies a man of sorrows, for our iniquity. Walk with us we pray whatever be grant to us the grace to witness calvary.

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#### LSB pg. 291

- In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 🕆 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- С Amen.

**Holy Absolution** 

### After everyone has returned to their seat.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, Ρ soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

С Amen. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

2 Timothy 4:22





### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- The Lord be with you. L
- And with thy spirit. С
- Ρ Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent.

- С Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness;
- Ρ through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- С Amen.

#### Old Testament Reading Joel 2:12–19

"Yet even now," declares the Lord. "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent. and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast: call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders: gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. The Lord answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations." R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"In a favorable time I listened to you,

and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you....

"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Sermon

## Prayer of the Church | Litany for Ash Wednesday

P Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, selfdenial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

Silence for reflection

- L O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- C have mercy.
- L O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- C hear us.
- L God the Father in heaven,
- C have mercy.
- P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
- C have mercy.
- L God the Holy Spirit,
- C have mercy.
- P Be gracious to us.
- C Spare us, good Lord.
- L Be gracious to us.
- C Help us, good Lord.

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

## C Help us, good Lord.

- L In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C Help us, good Lord.
- P We poor sinners implore You
- C to hear us, O Lord.
- L To prosper the preaching of Your Word; to bless our prayer and meditation; to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith; and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:

## C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instructed in the faith; to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers; to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy; and to have mercy on us all:

## C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

- L To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- C we implore You to hear us.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C have mercy.

- P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C have mercy.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C grant us Your peace.
- P O Christ,
- C hear us.
- L O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- P O Christ,
- C have mercy.
- L O Lord,
- C have mercy. Amen.
- P O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen



**Offering** -the offering is being collected at the Narthex-Sanctuary door. **Offertory** 

Psalm 51:10-12; LSB pgs. 192-193



## $oldsymbol{\Phi}$ Service of the Sacrament $oldsymbol{\Phi}$

Preface		LSB pg. 194
L	The Lord be with you.	2 Timothy 4:22
С	And with thy spirit.	
L <b>C</b>	Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto to the Lord.	Colossians 3:1
L <b>C</b>	Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. It is meet and right so to do.	Psalm 136

#### Proper Preface

L It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave his life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth.

LSB pgs. 194

C Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### The Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
  For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### Words of our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My <sup>(h)</sup> blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen



Matthew 6:9-13



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6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

 7 Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days
 Could gladly spend!



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#### The Dismissal

LSB Pg. 199

- L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 🕆 in peace.
- C Amen.

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

LSB pg. 201

L O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh,

we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

- C and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;
- L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### Benediction

- L The Lord bless you and keep you.
   The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
   The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and the give you peace.
- C Amen.

LSB pgs. 202 Number 6:24-26



- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
  Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
  Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
  I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
  Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
  Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
  In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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#### Sending

- L Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Thank you to the Youth for preparing the ashes used in today's service



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# Lent

## "Marks of the Church"

**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm "The Holy Word of God"** Joel 2:12-19, 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10, Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

## **Mid-Week Wednesday Services**

Signing-up is not required for the Mid-Week Services

**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm "Holy Baptism"** Titus 3:1-11, Matt. 28:7-20

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm "Holy Communion" 1 Corinthians 10:1-22, Mark 14:12-26

March 10<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm "The Office of Holy Ministry" 1 Peter 5:1-11, John 21:1-19

March 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm "Holy Absolution and Church Discipline" 1 Corinthians 5:1-13, John 20:19-22

March 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm "God's Holy People in Worship" Colossians 3:1-17, Lule 4:16-30



# **Holy Week**

March 28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday 8:00, 10:45 am & 1:30pm "Possession of the Holy Cross"

Zechariah 9:9-12, 1 Peter 3:8-4:19, Matthew 5:11-12

April 1<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday 12:00 & 7:00 pm

> April 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday 12:00, 6:00 & 8:00 pm

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter Vigil Saturday 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Shelter House

## **The Resurrection of Our Lord**

April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am & 1:30 pm Is. 25:6-9, 1 Cor. 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 3rd 11:00 am at the Shelter House

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Call, text or email to sign-up in advance for all Holy Week and Easter Services.